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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

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1. WE BELIEVE THAT SENEGAL WOULD BE PREPARED TO
PARTICIPATE IN AN INTER-AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR

DEPLOYMENT IN SHABA, BUT ONLY AT TOKEN LEVEL. ZAIRE
AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THIS MORNING DURING ENCOUNTER AT
OFFICIAL FUNCTION THAT SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER DIOUF
REPORTEDLY INFORMED MOBUTU DURING LATTER'S "TECHNICAL
STOP" IN DAKAR MAY 30-31 THAT SENEGAL WOULD BE WILLING TO
HELP, BUT BECAUSE GOS ALREADY HAS 650-MAN BATTALION COMMITTED
TO UN IN LEBANON, ANY SENEGALESE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS
PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN ZAIRE WOULD HAVE TO BE "SYMBOLIC."

2. WE DETECT NO SIGNS OF EARNEST PREPARATIONS HERE TO SEND
SENEGALESE FORCES TO SHABA. WE DOUBT ANY SIGNIFICANT
FORWARD MOVEMENT WILL BE MADE UNTIL PRESIDENT SENGHOR
RETURNS AND ASSERTS HIS WILL BEHIND SENEGALESE POSITION.
AT LEVEL OF GOS ADVISORS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
AND MFA, WE PERCEIVE VERY MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT GOS ROLE IN
PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR ZAIRE. ON ONE HAND, SENEGALESE DO
SUPPORT SENGHOR'S VIEW THAT MODERATE AFRICANS AND WESTERN
COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE MORE VIGOROUS ACTION TO COUNTER
SOVIET AND CUBAN INITIATIVES IN AFRICA. ON OTHER SIDE,
SAME SENEGALESE HAVE ZERO SYMPATHY OR SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU
REGIME WHICH THEY SEE AS HAVING LEARNED NOTHING FROM 1977
SHABA EXPERIENCE.

3. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO SENEGAL AND FAVORABLY
INFLUENCE GOS ATTITUDE IF A WIDER CROSS-SECTION OF
AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE TO BACK IDEA FOR AN AFRICAN
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PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN SHABA. FAVORABLE REACTION FROM
KEY ANGLOPHONE STATE LIKE NIGERIA WOULD HAVE PARTICULARLY
BENEFICIAL EFFECT IN SENEGAL.
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